

AMENDMENT / RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

Applicant : Steinke, Tom
 App. No. : 10/017,341
 Filed : December 13, 2001
 For : PROTECTIVE COATING FOR STENT
 Examiner : Thaler, Michael H.
 Art Unit : 3731

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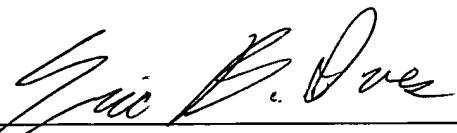
- (X) Amendment and Response to Office Action in 7 pages.
- (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 24, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.